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SUBJECT: PAKISTANI TIMES OP-ED ARTICLE ON CHARGES THAT

HEKMATYAR KILLED PROFESSOR MAJROOH

REF: (M) 1988 PESHAWAR 2333, (E) 1988 PESHAWAR 2334,

(V) 1988 PESHAWAR 2335

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: LONDON-BASED AMERICAN JOURNALIST LAWRENCE LIPSCHULTZ PUBLISHED AN OP-ED PIECE IN THE GOVERNMENT-RUN "PAKISTAN TIMES" ON 12 FEBRUARY WHICH IS MISLEADING IN PART AND IS SURE TO RAISE THE BACKLES OF ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GOP AND THE ISLAMIC UNITY OF AFGHAN MUJAHIDIN (ITAM). THE ARTICLE IS A FIRST ANNIVERSARY "IN MEMORIAM" OF AFGHAN INTELLECTUAL PROF. SAYE BUHEANUDDIN MAJROOH. IN IT, LIPSCHULTZ ACCUSED HEEF-P-ISTAMI'S GULBUDDIN HEKMATYAR OF MAJROOH'S ASSASSINATION AND INCORPORATES THE GOP - AND BY EXTENSION THE USG - FOR FAVORING MAJROOH AND PRESSED FORWARD HEKMATYAR AS THE EVENTUAL RULER OF

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AFGHANISTAN. LIPSCHULTZ FALSELY ALLEGES THAT ON THE LAST NIGHT OF HIS LIFE MAJROOH TRIED TO WARN USG AUTHORITIES AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE PESHAWAR THAT "ELEMENTS IN (USG) POLICY

TERPATMENT OF MAJROOH WERE WITH GRAVE DANGERS." MAJROOH WAS, IN FACT, A FORMER U.S. OFFICIAL WHOSE DEATH WAS HONORED IN HONOR OF HIS OLD FRIEND, AFGHANISTAN, FTD ELICIT. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, ENGAGE IN ANY POLICY DISCUSSION WITH ANY USG OFFICIAL. HE WAS IMBIBED AS MUCH AS WAS HIS MONT.

3. BIODATA: IN THE ARTICLE, THE "PAKISTAN TIMES" PRINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMENT ON LIPSCHULTZ: (PRIM TEXT) LAWRENCE LIPSCHULTZ, AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST, HAS BEEN SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT OF THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW AND HAS ALSO WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON THE SUBCONTINENT FOR LE MONDE DIPLOMATIQUE (PARIS), THE NATION (NEW YORK), AND THE GUARDIAN.

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14 SEPTEMBER 1980. PUBLISHED AS ARTICLE ENTITLED "AFGHANISTAN:
A WAY OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN MONKS' DIPLOMACY?" (SEPTEMBER
1980). IN THE ARTICLE TO ARGUE IN DETAIL THAT THE
GENERAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE U.N. SPONSORSHIP HELD OUT THE BEST
PROSPECT UNDER A SOVIET WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN COULD
BE SECURED. HIS VIEWS WERE WIDELY CRITICIZED AT THE TIME.
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4. EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE: RELEVANT EXCERPTS OF THE LIFSCHULTZ
ARTICLE FOLLOW.

(BEGIN TEXT) ... WITHIN WEEKS OF (MAJROOH'S) DEATH REPORTS HAD

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APPEARED ON THE PAGES OF THE THREE TITANS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS --

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WASHINGTON POST AND THE WALL STREET
JOURNAL -- IDENTIFYING GULBUDDIN HEYMATIAR AND HIS ORGANIZATION
THE HIZB ISLAMI, AS THE ONES RESPONSIBLE. UNTIL THEN THE
MURDEROUS UNDERSIDE OF MUJAHIDIN POLITICS HAD BEEN RATHER
STATIONARILY IGNORED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS.

5. AT AN ALL-PARTY MEETING OF THE MUJAHIDIN ALLIANCE HELD IN
PESHAWAR WITHIN A MONTH OF MAJROOH'S MURDER, PROFESSOR SHEKHATULLAH
MUJAHIDI DIRECTLY AND PUBLICLY ACCUSED GULBUDDIN HEYMATIAR OF
HAVING MURDERED MAJROOH. ACCORDING TO A WITNESS, GULBUDDIN ICILY
AND SILENTLY STARED BACK AT HIS ACCUSERS, CONFIDENT THAT HE WAS
UNTOUCHABLE. ON THE DAY OF MAJROOH'S FUNERAL ALL THE MUJAHIDIN
ORGANIZATIONS HAD SENT HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO ATTEND IT, EXCEPT
OF COURSE, GULBUDDIN'S HIZB ISLAMI WHICH NOTICEABLY AND QUITE
LOGICALLY BOYCOTTED THE CEREMONIES. ALTHOUGH SO MUCH WAS SUSPECTED
AND EVEN KNOWN, NO ONE WAS ABLE TO LIFT A FINGER. THERE WERE EYES
AND CLEARLY POWERFUL FORCES IN PAKISTAN PROTECTING THE ACCUSED.

6. WITHIN DAYS OF THE MURDER HEYMATIAR COULD BE OBSERVED MAKING
THE ROUNDS IN ISLAMABAD. THERE WERE A SERIES OF WELL-PUBLICIZED
MEETINGS WITH GENERAL ZIA, PRESS CONFERENCES AT THE HOLIDAY INN,
AND STATEMENTS RENDERED MAKING IT UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR WHO WAS THE
"FAVORITE SON" OF THE MUJAHIDIN'S BENEVOLENT GODFATHER. FOR THOSE
OF US WHO HAD BEEN SHAMED MAJROOH'S HUMILITY AND COMMITMENT,
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THE SCENARIO WAS CRUDE AND UNSEEMLY, IF HARDLY SURPRISING. IT WAS NOT ONE FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF A STRATEGY DESIGNED FOR A PARTICULAR END AND PURSUED BY SPECIFICALLY CHOSEN MEANS. AS MAJROO HAD OFTEN MADE CLEAR TO AMERICAN AND PAKISTANI OFFICIALS, THE STRATEGY THEY WERE ADOPTING WAS WITHEP THE ONLY MORALLY EFFECTIVE METHOD OF PURSUING THE WAR. IT WAS A STRATEGIC APPROACH WHICH HELD WITHIN IT GRAVE DANGERS FOR THE FUTURE OF AFGHANISTAN ONCE THE SOVIET FORCES HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN ACROSS THEIR BORDER.

2. BUT THE PREVAILING PHILOSOPHY AMONG THOSE WHO DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED THE COURSE OF THE WAR WAS THAT THUGS HAD TO BE USED

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TO WIGHT THUGS. FOR SOME OF US WHO OBSERVED FROM THE START HOW IT WAS DONE, THERE WAS A CLEAR AND EVIDENT SENSE THAT THOSE WHO

WERE USING THE THUGS WERE THUGS THEMSELVES. THOSE WHO WERE USING THUGS LIVED IN THAT WILDERNESS OF MIRRORS, THE "WILDERNESS COMMUNITY," WHERE THE MOTTO OF "PLAUSIBLE DENIAL" WAS IN FACT BEING ABLE TO DENY ANY FORM OF RESPONSIBILITY. THEAL, POLITICAL, OPERATIONAL FOR THE DISPENSING OF PARTICULAR DECISIONS.

3. MAJROO WAS AGAINST BUILDING UP THE STRENGTH OF SUCH ELEMENTS AS THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY STRIKE FORCE WITHIN THE RESISTANCE. HE WAS ALSO DISTURBED ABOUT THE METHODS USED TO GATHER INFORMATION. A SMALL MINORITY ELEMENT WITHIN THE MOVEMENT TO THE "WILDERNESS COMMUNITY." HIS OVERRIDING CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE, ONCE A SOVIET WITHDRAWAL HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, WAS WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW MEANS OF ESTABLISHING A NEW AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD NOT BE A

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... WITH MAJROOH'S...
AMERICAN... IN THE LAST...
WAS HIS... ELEMENTS IN THEIR POLICY...
AFGHANISTAN... DANGERS. THE WARNING APPEARED TO
FALL ON DEAF EARS. MAJROOH'S COLLEAGUES WHO SPENT THE
ENTIRE EVENING WITH HIM AT THE CONSULATE DESCRIBED HOW MAJROOH
RETURNED HOME THAT EVENING IN SOME DESPAIR, YET REMAINED
DETERMINED TO CARRY ON. IF YOU CAN TELL YOUR PEOPLE IN AMERICA
ANYTHING, MAJROOH'S FRIEND WHO WAS WITH HIM THAT EVENING SAID,
"THEY TELL THEM TO STOP MOVING MAJROOH'S MURDERERS DOWN OUR
THROATS. IF THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN AMERICA GET THE MESSAGE, SO WILL
THEIR SHADOWS IN PAKISTAN."

17. ... MAJROOH WAS ONCE ASKED BY A YOUNG AMERICAN PROFESSOR WHAT
THE TITLE OF HIS FOUR-VOLUME PHILOSOPHICAL WORK - THE ECO MONSTER -
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ACTUALLY MEANT. MAJROOH SMILED SOFTLY AND SAID, "YOU KNOW,
GULBUDDIN HEKMATIAR ONCE ASKED ME THE VERY SAME QUESTION. "WHAT
DID YOU ANSWER HIM?" ASKED THE YOUNG AMERICAN. "I TOLD HIM,"
SAID MAJROOH, "GULBUDDIN, DO YOU TRULY WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE ECO
MONSTER IS? IT IS YOU, GULBUDDIN! IT IS YOU." (END TEXT)
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